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## DC fireboats sent up a display of water jets

## Cherry Blossom Queen opens the 1996 festival along the SW waterfront...

A cast of hundreds gathered on the waterfront under an azure blue sky on Sunday, March 31, 1996. The occasion was the ceremonies opening the 1996 National Cherry Blossom Festival. For the second year in a row, the festivities were held in front of Spirit Cruises, a vantage point which, as Ward 2 Councilman Jack Evans noted, is an ideal area overlooking the beautiful cherry trees across the Channel on Hains Point.

The newly appointed ambassador of Japan, Kunihiro Saito, spoke warmly and wittily about Washington and its cherry trees,

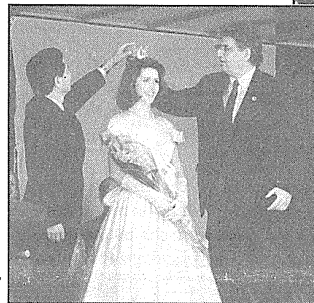
emphasizing how different our shoreline would look "if China had sent bamboos, or Mexico had sent cactus." Following his remarks, he crowned Jessica Dawn Stoner Queen of the 1996 Festival. Ms. Stoner, a senior at the University of Pennsylvania, was then joined by the Embassy princess, Wakako Tanaka, in lighting the traditional lantern to open the two-week round of citywide activities. Throughout

all this, the D.C. Fireboat John H. Glenn saluted the season, treating the new Queen and all her honored guests to an exciting display of water jets.



*Councilman Jack Evans with, left to right, Jessica Dawn Stoner, 1996 National Cherry Blossom Queen, Wakako Tanaka, 1996 Japan Embassy Princess, Kimberly Van Ec, 1995 NCBF Queen*

*Honorable Kunihiro Saito, Ambassador of Japan, crowns Jessica Dawn Stoner, 1996 NCBF Queen, assisted by NCBF President Drew Von Bergen.*



## SWNA is having a registration drive

## Are You Registered to Vote for the National Elections?

by Margaret Feldman

You cannot vote unless you are registered. The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is launching a voter registration drive, headed by David Brewer.

In D.C., our votes may not have as much weight nationally as those in the States, but our votes are very important locally. To be a voter gives you importance.

D.C. Primaries are on May 7th and September 10th. We do not know which parties will have

primary elections but to vote in the Primary, you must be registered in one of the four, official parties: Democratic Party, Republican Party, D.C. Statehood Party, and the Umoja Party, and you can vote only if there is a choice of candidates in your party. In D.C., the Primaries are most important for many offices.

The national election is on November 5th. In addition to voting for President, there will be

our District Representative and other state officials, and our local ANC 2D officials. Watch the *Southwester* for information.

It has never been easier to register than it is now. You do not have to go to a special office. Registration forms ready to mail are available at the SW Library, the Health Clinic on I Street, Social Service Offices, the Motor Vehicle Bureau, and from your S.W. Neighborhood Assembly Board member. Call David Brewer for more information at 202-488-3505.

## Meetings are scheduled to discuss amendments to the Ward 2 Plan...

The Office of Planning will have meetings in various areas of the ward to discuss the amendment process.

Tuesday, April 30th, they will meet at Amidon Elementary School, 4th & I Streets at 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Copies of the Ward 2 Plan were distributed to each attendee at the March 12th kick-off meeting. For those who attended, please bring your copies to the work sessions. Persons who did not attend the kick-off meeting can obtain copies at the work meeting or by contacting: D.C. Office of Planning, Presidential Building, Fifth Floor, 415 12th Street, N.W. 20004.

If you have questions, please call John Fondersmith (Ward 2 Planner) at 727-6502 or Vanessa Akins at 727-9600.

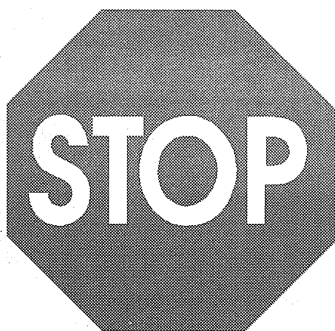
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## SWNA:

The SWNA Meeting will be on Monday, April 22nd, 7 pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M St. It will be a Planning Meeting for the SWNA Adopt-a-Block Program. "Team-up for Clean-up".





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## Locked in Battle

My much hated sister and I  
Were engaged in a serious fight  
To stop her from hitting me  
I put both arms around her tight

Then a strange thing happened  
Somehow my arms did lock  
The more we struggled, the tighter they held  
Til we were helplessly entwined and in shock

As we struggled to free ourselves  
One thought was in my brain  
If I ever can get free from her  
I'll never hug this heifer again

She somehow managed to turn to face me  
We both immediately closed our eyes  
She certainly didn't want to see me  
Of course, I felt exactly likewise

So we stood locked in hate  
Eyes closed looking daft  
Then something, a movement, a sound  
Something made us both start to laff

To keep from falling down  
She put her arms around me  
We were still laughing hysterically  
When we realized our arms were free

But neither one let go of the other  
We did not want to go free  
I held on to my sister  
She held on to me

Oh, we continued to have our spats  
But then as sisters should  
We learned to enjoy hugging each other  
And did whenever and wherever we could

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## SW Community Calendar April—May 1996

**April 22 Monday** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly meeting, "Team-up for Clean-up", 7:00 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, 3rd & M Streets.

**April 23 Tuesday** Bowen School PTA, 5:30 p.m., Bowen Elementary School, Delaware Avenue at M Street, SW

**April 25 Thursday** NARFE Chapter 2052. 1:30 p.m., Southwest Branch Library, Wesley Place and K Street, S.W.

**April 27 Saturday** Earthworks - stay tuned for the where & when

**April 28 Sunday** SWNA Youth Activities Task Force Fund Raiser, 3-5 p.m., Foxtrappe Club, 700 Water Street, S.W. (donation).

**April 30 Tuesday** Ward 2 Plan Amendment Process, 7-8:45 p.m., Amidon Elementary School, 4th and I Street, S.W.

**May 1 Wednesday** First District Police Open House, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., 1D Hdqtrs, 415 4th St, SW.

**May 6 Monday** SWNA Executive Board, 6:30 p.m., Southeastern University, 501 I Street, S.W.

**May 7 Tuesday** PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION, 7:00 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**May 7 Tuesday** First District Citizens Advisory Council, 7:30 p.m., 1D Headquarters.

**May 13 Monday** Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, S.W.

**May 15 Wednesday** Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter 4751, Noon, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

**May 15 Wednesday** Wiley Branton CDC Board, 7:00 p.m., St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 600 M St, SW.

**May 18 Saturday** "Adopt-a-Block". 10:00 a.m., 3rd & I (next to library)

**May 19 Sunday** Blessing of the Fleet, 1PM Gangplank Marina, 600 Water Street SW

**May 23 Thursday** NARFE Chapter 2052, 1:30 p.m., Southwest Branch Library.

**May 23 Thursday** Zoning Commission Public Hearing on Southwest Urban Renewal Area (Case 95-15), 7:00 p.m., Office of Zoning Hearing Room, 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 220.

**Please submit your calendar items to  
C.W. Hargrave at 554-8284**

## Theater Review

### Candide Voltaire

by Wallace Babington

"Everything is for the best in this best of all possible worlds." Or so believed Candide, the naive, simple, innocent hero of Voltaire's contemptuous satire on worldliness. No one believes that any more for a certainty - but an evening spent at Arena's current production of the Leonard Bernstein musical based on this French classic will make you think that this is the best of all possible musicals - and the best Arena production in many seasons.

Candide's story is one of true love for the beautiful Cunegonda. A love that is tested by every conceivable threat, barrier and disaster. As the lovers are separated and reunited constantly through travels all over the globe, they face obstacles of religious bigotry, greed, lust, treachery, war and pestilence. But through it all they reach a goal of true happiness and finally settle down to cultivate "one's garden" - a simple, sweet, loving conclusion to a harrowing journey through a hostile and destructive world.

This kind of production is what Arena does best. The five principle singers/actors are superb. Voices that soar in a beautiful display of distinction and uniqueness - and yet blend in harmony to produce a pleasing ensemble. Especially enjoyable are the Candide (Paul Binotto) and Cunegonde (Rebecca Baxter) solos and duets. It was a stroke of good casting and planning to have these two young singers/actors on stage to carry the major responsibility for the story line and the music.

Arena productions too frequently include stage pyrotechnics and spectacles that often seem ends in themselves. In this production the stage business is fantastic and phenomenal; and it supports and illustrates the story and the music. This "Candide" is what live theater is all about. It's exciting and enthusiastic - qualities that somehow become contagious and move out into the audience; for some strange reason the audience seems to be a natural participant in the living, breathing action on stage.

We complain about so much violence and despair in the arts today. Well, here is a positive, affirmative, upbeat musical that is also clever, witty and continuously entertaining. We are fortunate to have a production like this practically in our own backyard.

**CANDIDE** Music by Leonard Bernstein.  
Directed by Douglas Wager. Arena Stage in the Fichandler through May 26.

## \$100 off tuition at Creative Child Development Center day care...

Several months ago, *The Southwester* wrote about neighborhood day care centers. The Creative Child Development Center (CCDC) contacted the paper with the following information.

CCDC, a non-profit organization located at 451 - 7th St., S.W. (in HUD) is offering a special to families who are need of child care service but find the price too high. Mention you saw this article in *The Southwester* and when you pay the registration fee and advance deposit, you get \$100 off the first week of tuition. This offer is available through April 30. Contact Kim Schrammel at (202) 708-1935.

Our paper would like to let our neighbors know which organizations are planning to have summer camps. Churches and Day Care Centers, please call Carole Early at 488-3355 so we can advertise your program. A small donation would be appreciated.

## Auto club honors hospitality industry winners...

AAA Potomac honored the crown jewels of the local hospitality industry. Three received the much-coveted Five Diamond Award. Eighteen hotels were awarded the highly-prized Four Diamond Award. Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel was one of the recipients.

## A SW resident was elected head of the DC NARFE federation...

Southwest resident Paul A. Pumpian was Selected President of the D.C. Federation of Chapters of the National Association of Retired Employees (NARFE) at its 1996 Biennial Convention on March 9.

The Federation consists of seven chapters representing 2,000 members. NARFE has 500,000 members nationally.

Pumpian also serves as Treasurer of the NARFE Southwest DC Chapter (No.2052) which meets at 1:30 p.m., the last Thursday of each month at the S.W. Library, 3rd & I Streets, SW

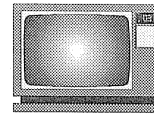
Pumpian served two terms as President of Harbour Square Owners, Inc. and as President of the New Jersey State Society of Washington,

## Correction

Last month the boxer, Mark Johnson who lives in Southwest was incorrectly identified. My apologies. (Editor)

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## A Salute from "Carrollburg Friends"


by Emma P. Ward

Mildred E. Brown was honored by "Carrollburg Friends" for her outstanding work in the community. Ms. Brown, a 17-year resident and home owner in the 1200 block of Carrollburg Place, SW has been a driving force with untiring energy to make her street a model and a neighborhood to be proud of. Although the DC Government has stopped sweeping on her block, Ms. Brown has continued to strive to keep the neighborhood clean. On any given day, she can be seen sweeping the entire

block.

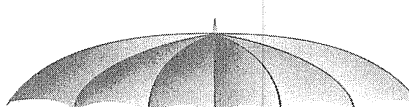
Ms Brown has served as liaison for "Carrollburg Friends" and the DC Government. She has been instrumental in bringing about many changes in the neighborhood relating to rat baiting, removal of old cars from the street and changes to the vacant Syphax property.

Ms. Brown will be honored by a dinner by "Carrollburg Friends" at the Creole Orleans/Foxtrappe. Call (202)484-4880 to find out the date and time. Reservations are required.



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## These are the minutes of the annual meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, held on Monday, March 25...

The annual meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly was called to order at Bowen School by the President, Beryl Rice, at 7:40 p.m., March 25, 1996. Prior to the meeting, neighbors gathered for refreshments. To open the meeting, Dr. Rice introduced the Jefferson Junior High School Chorus under the direction of Ms Alveria Ford. After a selection by the Chorus, Dr. Rice presented the author of the book illustrated by the students of Amidon, Kofi, Maria and Sunita: Stories from the World Bank. The author, Lesley Anne Simmons, explained how she came to write the book with the help of Amidon students. Mrs. Beverly Carpenter, an instructor at Amidon, described the pictures drawn by the students. Student Jamal Jones read the text of the book with the help of his mother, Thelma Jones.

The Jefferson Junior High School Chorus sang two other selections. Their principal, Mrs. Vera White, was presented with a certificate and a book in recognition of her dedicated service in our community.

### ANNUAL REPORTS

#### Youth Activities Task

**Force:** Dale MacIver presented a written report describing the Task Force's efforts to prepare students for summer jobs, enroll youth in summer camps, and tutor students throughout the school year. All of these efforts were undergirded by a fund raising event at the Foxtrappe. Dale supplemented the written report with pictures and articles published in the Southwester throughout the year.

#### Scholarship Committee:

Barbara Murray introduced her written report and summarized this Committee's accomplishments in 1995. Twenty-six students made applications and nineteen completed the process to be awarded scholarships. These grants are made to all who are eligible. A total of \$17,570.00 was raised. The Design Center is continuing its \$5,000 yearly design grant for

the entire tenure of one recipient's study. Mrs. Murray also announced the Stand for Children, June 1 at the

Lincoln Memorial. The Children's Defense Fund is convening this for all who are concerned for the lives and future of children in America.

**Southwester:** Carole Early, editor, thanked everyone who had written articles or supported the production of the Southwester during the past year. She announced the need for a fundraiser and for continuing volunteers. Dr. Rice thanked her for her dedicated service as editor.

**Treasurer's Report:** None was available due to a computer failure.

**President's Report:** Dr. Rice read a letter of appreciation from the Second Baptist Church for the contribution toward their tutoring program by the SWNA. She introduced vice-president Marc Weiss and thanked the Executive Committee for its work in 1995. The priorities of the Executive Committee were: 1) Scholarships and Youth Activities, 2) Clean-up, Beautification, and beginning the Adopt-a-Block Program under the leadership of Mary Ann Bailer, 3) Looking at situations that effect how people get along in our community - Metro Bus rerouting, 4) Planning for affordable housing and a cultural center on the Syphax School site, 5) Exploring the possibility of a Recycling/Jobs project. She again thanked the Board.

### RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dr. Rice presented a certificate and a book to Colonel John Suggs and James Early for their outstanding service in the Adopt-a-Block program. Eleanor Parker, Gloria Hamilton, and Gwendolyn Arkram were also recognized in absentia. Colonel Suggs spoke about the importance of residents taking an active part in the betterment of their community.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETINGS

**Earth Day:** The SWNA will work with the Department of Recreation on Clean-up. Participants will report to Franklin Park, 14th and K Streets, NW, at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, April 27, then go to neighborhood sites.

**St. Augustine Episcopal Church 30th Anniversary:** An invitation was given for all to attend the 11:00 a.m. service on March 31 with a program and brunch immediately following. **Councilman Evans' Office:**

### ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Grace Savage, representing the League of Women Voters who supervised the election on March 23, 1996, announced the results of the balloting. Since there were no contested seats, all on the ballot were elected with the addition of Charles Szoradi, as one of the District 2 representatives. Past President, Thelma Jones, installed the officers and representatives.

### DOOR PRIZES

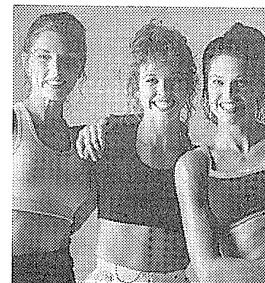
Zandra Earl and Jamal Jones presided at the giving of door prizes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne E. MacKenzie, Secretary

## Reserve Saturday, June 22, for the SWCH reception aboard the Odyssey!

The Southwest Community House announces its Third Annual Community Service Gala Reception aboard the ODYSSEY Cruise Liner.

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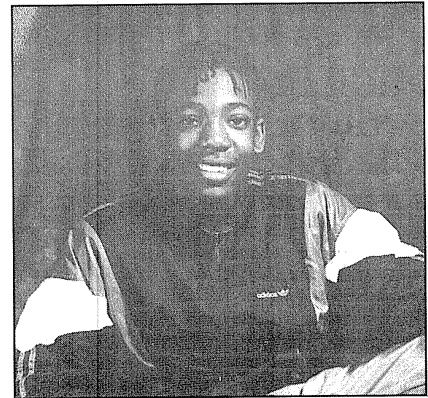
**S**outhwest resident/ski racer Abiri Ward will be receiving a dollar-for-dollar match from an ANONYMOUS DONOR for funds raised toward the \$25,000 annual tuition and related expenses for his race training and travel expenses for the upcoming 1996-97 school year. What this means is when you give \$10 it becomes \$20.

Abiri is currently attending Burke Mountain Academy (ski school) full-time in East Burke, Vermont. He is 16 years old and has been skiing since age 2-1/2 and has been ski racing since age 8. He has trained at Gould Academy in Sunday River, Maine; Killington Mountain School in Vermont; at Vail and Copper Mountain Colorado; Mt. Hood, Oregon; Innsbruck, Austria; and Auckland, New Zealand. He has also done ski jumping in Lake Placid, New York. He will be living with an Australian family during his summer race training in July and August, 1996.

Abiri is one of our outstanding ski racers in the Washington area. He has been State Leader and "Top 10" for D.C. He has competed in the Junior Olympics and participated in Vermont's "States" and the Eastern Cup.

One of Abiri's long-term goals is to become a member of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team and to become a Health Administrator. One of the immediate goals is to raise \$15,000 and receive \$30,000.

This is a great opportunity for our community to



assist one of our outstanding youth. Your tax-deductible contribution can be made payable to Burke Mountain Academy and mailed to Emma P. Ward, 1214 Carrollburg Place, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024. You can call 202-484-4880 for further information.

**Metro's new toll free number...**

METRO has a new number with information about the sights in the capital. Pass the number to out-of-towners who are planning to visit. It is 1-888-METRO-INFO. Callers will be able to leave a name and address to receive the Metro Visitor's Kit.

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**Discussions raise awareness**

**Arena Stage helps in battle  
against substance abuse...**

**I**n a unique partnership, the Council of Government's (COG) Metropolitan Area Treatment Enhancement System (MATES) project and Arena Stage joined forces in December to raise awareness of community organizations' work battling drug abuse and child neglect.

During the run of Cheryl L. West's play *Holiday Heart*, Arena stage hosted a series of post-performance discussions led by Washington area substance abuse prevention and treatment providers and child advocacy groups. The organizations used the play, about a young girl struggling in the shadow of her crack-addicted mother, as a springboard for discussion. The two sessions led by MATES representatives, offered insights into how communities can translate issues into action.

A comprehensive alcohol and drug treatment program for women, MATES provides intensive day treatment at centers in Fairfax and Montgomery counties and the District of Columbia, and links clients with support

services such as child care, employment counseling, rental assistance, and medical care. Now at 80 percent capacity, MATE became fully operational in 1994. Currently, more than 300 women from around the region actively participate in the program.

The *Holiday Heart* discussion project was launched in December at a ceremony sponsored by COG and Arena Stage. Acknowledging more than 50 substance abuse prevention and treatment providers from around the region, COG Executive Director Ruth R. Crone said, "As this play poignantly illustrates, even one individual can make a difference despite the odds."

MATES is funded by a three-year federal demonstration grant.

**Adopt  
-a-  
Block**

**T**he Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Adopt-a-Block Program has been so successful that we are going to have a special springtime kick-off for this ongoing project. SWNA, along with Capital Park II & IV is planning the event. It will be on Saturday, May 18th, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The rain date will be on Sunday, May 19th, at the same time. A Block Party will follow the clean-up.

Everyone is to meet at 10:00 in the park, next to the library - between 3rd & Wesley St. All the community is invited, let's see how much cleaning we can do. Then, we'll party. There will be plenty of food & entertainment for the hardworking group.

"We Are Family", for more information, call Mary Ann Bailer, 479-0571 or Sandy Schwarz at 554-8739.



## African-Centered program gets top grade

by Ateya Ball

For many District parents and students alike, the DC Public School System has continuously failed to adequately prepare African American children for higher learning. While parents express feelings of agony and frustration, students question the validity of their education. Meanwhile, the District's dropout rate continues to rise and the illegal use of guns and drugs continues to flood the public schools of the nation's capital, threatening the academic achievement of African-American children. In reaction to the warranted and understandable frustration that spews from the African-American community, many Black parents see the African-centered approach as their last hope in giving their children a decent education in a safe and nourishing environment.

For many, the African-Centered School, operating out of the District's Webb Elementary School, has been the most effective move toward academic achievement. This school was founded in 1993 by its principal, Mrs. Abena Walker. Parents of children attending the school contend that, for the first time, their children are receiving a balanced and historically correct education. While the African-Centered program is enriched with courses in African languages (Kiswahili, Wolof, Yoruba), African martial arts, art, African dance, and music, the curriculum entails heavy emphasis in the areas of math, science, and history. A 14 year-old student attending the African-Centered School commends the strong teacher/student relationship that he has encountered since attending the African-Centered School. According to him, "Teachers seem to care more, and teach more, about Black History." Like many other students, he holds firm to his belief that the African-Centered School is the most effective approach taken in securing academic achievement for African-American children.

**S.W. Scholarship applications are in the library. Ask one of the staff for a copy.**

Since leaving the traditional DC Public School, his academics have improved from a "C" average to a "B" average.

Although many believe the school to be the best approach taken in raising the academic level of African-American children, many critics characterize such a move as ineffective. However, a 1994 Technical Evaluation Report, sponsored by the District's Public School Board, dispels such a myth. According to the report, comparing the African-Centered School to the control school, a traditional public school, "The students at the African-Centered School scored significantly higher on Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) in more subject areas than the students at the traditional public school. The African-Centered School students scored higher in total reading, language, and spelling."

In addition to higher test scores, the evaluation also cites parental involvement as a major difference between the traditional Public School and the African-Centered School. One major principle of the African-Centered ideology is all parents are teach-

ers. Parents who wish to enroll their children into the African-centered program are required to take Course One (45 hours) of the Walker Method of Education. This course is designed to acquaint parents with the tenets of the African-centered program.

Many scholars and prominent educators feel that by adopting the African-centered curriculum in Black schools, they are making a major step towards the liberation and freedom of African people. According to Dr. Molefi Asante, historian and Chairman of Temple University's African-American Studies Department, "It is necessary for African-American children to place Africa at the center of their existential reality, or else they will remain detached and isolated people in a society that constantly bombards them with anti-African rhetoric." (Asante, Afrocentricity) "It is recommended that the infusion of the African-Centered curriculum and methodology be considered for all DC Public Schools. The infusion should start in early childhood programs. Such an effort would allow all DCPS students to benefit from the African-Centered curriculum and methodology." (1994 Technical Evaluation Report).

Ateya Ball is a student at Howard University, pursuing a BA in English/Education, and a SW Scholarship recipient.

### Earthwork

SWNA will join D.C. Department of Recreation & Parks for Earthwork, D.C. "Git down and Dirty" - wear gloves. April 27, 1996 - Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**meet:** King Greenleaf Recreation Center - 201 N St., SW  
**call:** Vendra Hall - 576-6630 or Mary Ann Bailer - 479-0571

**Hats off to Gloria Hamilton, Gwendolyn Ankrom, and Barbara Murray and her son Tony...**

This month the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly would like to thank Gloria and Gwendolyn who have done a fantastic job cleaning O Street near Ft. McNair. Every Saturday, they spend two or three hours picking-up trash and bottles. Neighborhood kids help them with the clean-up, and to Barbara and her son, Tony. They picked up hundreds of cans and bottles along Maine Avenue in front of the restaurants.

**The Southwester will receive an award for best community paper from the National Association of Citizen's Organization on April 24th. Everyone who has been a part of the paper, thank you. (Editor)**

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For information call  
Martin Kushinsky 554-3527

## D.C. Bar to Hold Training for Pro Bono Attorney's on Aids Advocacy

Training sessions on "Aids Advocacy" will be held Friday, April 26, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 27, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the D.C. Bar Conference Rooms, 1250 H Street, NW. Pre-registration is recommended. Participants must agree to take two pro-bono cases.

Call 202-737-4700, x289, to register. Topics will include: employment discrimination, insurance and employee benefits, government benefits, estate planning, child custody, debtor's rights, and immigration. There is a \$25.00 materials fee, \$10.00 for law students.

## Volunteers are needed at the DC Hotline...

Would you like to help people in crises? Do you want to help prevent child abuse? If so, the DC Hotline needs your help.

The Hotline is looking for volunteers to provide confidential crisis counseling and to give information and referrals over the phone.

You'll learn how to improve your communication skills and how to help people find the resources to deal with their problems.

If you want to help, call the DC Hotline at 202-223-0020.

Training starts April 30, 1996.

## Men's Day Celebration will begin a new mentoring program for SW youth...

The "Third Annual Men's Day Celebration" will be held on April 21, 1996, 11:00 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church, located at 4th and I Streets, S.W., Washington, DC.

They are initiating a new, comprehensive mentoring program for youths of Southwest Washington at the Men's Day. The program will begin with ten young male students from Amidon Elementary School in Southwest who were recommended by the Principal of Amidon, Mrs. Pauline Hamlette. The mentors from the Men's group will provide several hours per week of volunteer service with the youths and their parents or guardians.

Your help is needed to support this vital program. The plight of our youths in Washington's inner city is well documented. Young African American boys are especially at risk and desperately need all of our support. You may choose to make a contribution. Call John Reed at 202-479-0293 for donation information.

## There is a new polling place for the 127th precinct...

Precinct 127 voters who have been voting at the Syphax School will now vote at the **Riverpark Co-op, in the South Commons Room, 130 Delaware Ave.** This will be the location for the elections on May 7, Sept 7, and Nov 5.

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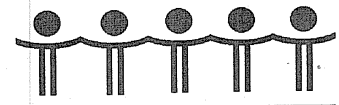
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